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SUBJECT: JAN 8 EWG MEETING: STUDY ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION, AGENDA ITEM II

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BEGIN SUMMARY. AT EWG MEETING JAN 8, CHAIRMAN (PANSA) REMINDED EWG OF THE STRONG EMPHASIS PLACED ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION (R/S) BY MINISTERS AT THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. EWG AGREED TO INVITE CHAIRMAN OF THE EURO/NATO TRAINING GROUP TO MEET WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EWG IN FEBRUARY FOR A FRANK DISCUSSION ON SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN ACHIEVING GREATER CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING, TO INCLUDE THE LACK OF NATIONAL POLITICAL WILL, AND TO IDENTIFY THE MOST PROMISING AREAS WORTHY OF FURTHER EVALUATION. EWG NOTED

THE REPORT BY THE LOGISTICS SUB-GROUP AND APPROVED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS. END OF SUMMARY.

1. EWG APPROVED THE DECISION SHEET ON THE LAST MEETING (DOCUMENT AC/281-DS(74)11).

2. CHAIRMAN OPENED DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM II BE REMINDING THE EWG THAT MINISTERS AT THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL HAD PLACED STRONG EMPHASIS ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION PROGRESS AND HAD AGREED TO INSTRUCT THEIR STAFFS IN CAPITALS "TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM DIRECTION AND COOPERATION FOR THE FURTHER WORK WHICH IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN HERE AT NATO DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS AND BEYOND."

3. TURNING TO THE REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING BY EURO/NATO TRAINING GROUP (REFTEL REFERS), CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THE EWG TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS TO GIVE FRESH IMPETUS TO THE EURO/NATO TRAINING GROUP. US REP (LEGERE) SUGGESTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EURO/NATO TRAINING GROUP (RADM TREBESCH) MEET WITH THE EWG FOR A FRANK DISCUSSION ON SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN ACHIEVING GREATER CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING, IDENTIFY SEVERAL OF THE MOST PROMISING AREAS WHICH HE CONSIDERS WORTHY OF FURTHER EXAMINATION, AND HIGHLIGHT THOSE AREAS WHICH EVIDENCE A LACK OF "POLITICAL WILL" IN ACHIEVING THE CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING. EWG AGREED TO THE US PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTED THAT RADM TREBESCH BE INVITED TO DISCUSS THESE ITEMS AT AN EWG MEETING IN MID-FEBRUARY. THE NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN) POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER STUMBLING BLOCK IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING REPORT IS THE LACK OF COMPATIBILITY IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NATO TRAINING GROUP VIS-A-VIS THE EURO/NATO TRAINING GROUP. THE ITALIAN REP (MACCHIAVELLI) SUGGESTED THAT RADM TREBESCH, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF BOTH GROUPS, BE REQUESTED TO PRESENT TO THE EWG IN FEBRUARY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED TO IMPROVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NATO TRAINING GROUPS.

4. TURNING TO THE LOGISTICS SUB-GROUP REPORT (AC/281-REPORT (74)11), ASYG FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT (TUCKER) BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED THE STUDY TASKS, THE LOGISTICS AREAS CONSIDERED, AND THE SUB-GROUP'S ELEVEN CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION, ONE OF WHICH THE EWG HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. TUCKER SUGGESTED THAT THE EWG "NOTE THE REPORT AND ACT ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS." EWG AGREED TO NOTE THE REPORT AND APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

A. INVITE CNAD TO ENCOURAGE NATO NATIONS TO JOIN IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NETHERLANDS ABOUT "PROCUREMENT, MAINTENANCE, TRAINING AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS" FOR NAVAL MAIN PROPULSION GAS TURBINES. (RECOMMENDATION C.)

B. STUDY ON WARTIME LINES OF COMMUNICATION (RECOMMENDATION E) HAS ALREADY BEGUN;

C. INVITE EUROLOG TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALIZATION IN THE AREA OF STORAGE/WAREHOUSING (RECOMMENDATION F) AND THE SUPPLY OF NAVAL SPARE PARTS, ORIGINATING FROM THE US, CANADA, FRANCE AND NON-NATO COUNTRIES, FOR GERMANY, NORWAY AND DEMNARK (RECOMMENDATION H);

D. INVITE THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR COORDINATING LOGISTIC COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES (RECOMMENDATION K); AND

E. INVITE CNAD TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLEARING HOUSE TYPE ORGANIZATION TO OVERSEE THE EQUITY OF PROCUREMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ARISING FROM SPECIALISATION (RECOMMENDATION I).

EWG AGREED TO COMMISSION ASYG TUCKER WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE VARIOUS BODIES AND REPORT PERIODICALLY TO THE EWG ON THEIR PROGRESS.

5. CHAIRMAN PANSA CONCLUDED DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT BY NOTING THAT EWG SHOULD PLAN ON RECEIVING PROGRESS REPORTS IN MID-APRIL ON COMMISSIONED RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION PROJECTS.

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